

EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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| Title: Candidate Requirements for Full State Certification Testing | | |
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A. **Candidate Categories** - Candidates seeking full state certification will fall into one or more of the following status categories:

1. **Initial Status** - Candidates completing a certification program for the first time through attendance of an entire initial course or an entire bridge course from a lower certification level to a higher certification level must initiate certification testing within 180 days of the course end date.
 - a. Candidates completing a full certification program will be considered as testing in Initial Status.
 - b. Candidates completing an initial or bridge certification program that results in eligibility for the Intermediate '99 or Paramedic testing must successfully complete the National Registry examination process for the appropriate level and apply to Virginia for reciprocity.
2. **Re-Entry Status** - Candidates completing the CE requirements for the level to be tested will be eligible to regain expired certification under the Re-Entry program.
3. **Equivalency Challenge Status** - Candidates completing the requirements as set forth in **Section T-295**. Who have completed the minimum training requirements for the corresponding level to be tested.
4. **Legal Recognition Status** - Candidates who were initially issued one-year (or less) certifications through Legal Recognition who are completing the CE requirements to gain full certification.

B. **Examinations Required** –

1. Candidates falling into the Initial Status must successfully complete both the state written and practical examinations to be granted full certification. State administered practical examinations are conducted at initial state certification levels for EMS-First Responder, EMT-Basic and EMT-Enhanced.
 - a. For the EMT-Shock Trauma and EMT-Cardiac levels a state practical examination is not administered. Each Candidate in an initial or bridge EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-

Cardiac program must present evidence of successful completion of a training program administered final comprehensive practical skills examination.

2. Candidates in the Reentry, Equivalency Challenge or Legal Recognition Status categories at the EMS First Responder and EMT-Basic levels must successfully complete both the state written and practical examinations to be granted full certification.
3. Candidates falling into the Reentry, Equivalency Challenge or Legal Recognition Status categories at Advanced Life Support levels must successfully complete the state written examination to be granted full certification.

C. **Course Completion** - Candidates requesting to test must demonstrate eligibility for full certification as evidenced by fulfillment of the following requirements:

1. Satisfaction of all requirements as set forth in the minimum training requirements for the corresponding curriculum or CE program for the level to be tested.
2. Satisfaction of all reasonable course requirements established by the Course Coordinator.